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-- REMARKS --

A. The Drawings were objected to.

Applicant has corrected a typographical error to obviate the objection of paragraph 1 of the office action. Withdrawal of the objection is requested.

Applicant has added a notation referring to "510" in FIG. 5, obviating the Examiner's objection in paragraph 2 of the office action. Withdrawal of the objection is requested.

B. Claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as indefinite.

The rejection of claims 1-7 as indefinite is traversed.

At a minimum, on page 5, lines 15-16 indicate that FIG. 5 shows at least one mapping board box 580 including at least one harness port 590. Thus, the claim is supported by both the specification and the figures, rendering the claim definite.

Withdrawal of the § 112 rejection is requested.

C. Claims 8, 9, and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Etemadpour

The 102(b) rejections of claims 8, 9 and 11 are traversed. Etemadpour does not disclose a mapping board box, as claimed in claims 8, 9 and 11, and therefore this rejection must fall.

Rather than disclosing a "mapping board box", Etemadpour discloses only a base 20, to which pins are spring mounted to aid in maintaining contact with circuits thereabove. See, Etemadpour, column 2, lines 53-55.

Claim 11 requires "means for receiving a circuit board." As claim 11 is a § 112 paragraph 6 claim, Applicants are entitled to the broadest reasonable interpretation of the claim in light of the specification. Because the specification describes the "means for receiving a circuit board" as a "mapping board box," Etemadpour can not disclose the claimed "means for receiving a circuit board."

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As Etemadpour does not disclose a "mapping board box" as claimed in claims 8-9, and 11, Applicants request withdrawal of the rejections to claims 8-9 and 11.

C. Claims 1-7 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over APA in view of Etemadpour.

The §103(a) rejection of claims 1-7 and 10 is traversed.

In order to maintain this §103(a) rejection, each and every element of the claimed invention must be taught or suggested by the references, alone or in combination. At a minimum, the references fail to teach or suggest a system for testing electronic modules "wherein the mapping board box is pre-wired to receive circuit boards with a variety of pin configurations."

As discussed above, with reference to the §102(b) rejections, Etemadpour fails to teach or suggest any mapping board box, much less a pre-wired mapping board box to receive circuit boards with a variety of pin configurations. Furthermore, the APA does not show a mapping board box pre-wired to receive circuit boards with a variety of pin configurations. Thus, alone or in combination, the references fail to teach or suggest each and every element of the claimed invention.

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Since the prior art does not show a system "wherein the mapping board box is pre-wired to receive circuit boards with a variety of pin configurations", Applicants respectfully request Examiner to withdraw the rejection. If Examiner wishes to maintain the rejection, Applicants traverse the statement "it would have been obvious..." and request the Examiner to make a showing in the prior art or in the form of an examiner declaration/affidavit supporting the conclusion that it is well known to have a system "wherein the mapping board box is pre-wired to receive circuit boards with a variety of pin configurations." See, MPEP 706.02(a): "If the Applicant traverses such an assertion, the Examiner should cite a reference in support of his/her position." Absent such a showing, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the claims.

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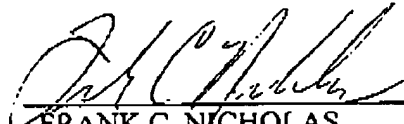
CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-11 fully satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §§102, 103 and 112. In view of the foregoing, early passage to issue of the present application is respectfully requested.

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